

Application No. 09/681,108

REMARKS

The Office Action of April 21, 2005 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. Claims 5, 7, 8-9, 15, 17-19, and 22-31 are pending in this application. Of these, claims 5, 15, and 22 are independent claims.

An Amendment mailed May 6, 2004 amended claims 2, 4-5, 7-9, 12, 14-15, and 17-19, canceled claims 1, 6, 10, 11, 16, and 20 and added claims 21-26. An Amendment faxed January 7, 2005 amended claims 2, 4, 12, 14, 17, 21, 24, and 26.

This Amendment amends paragraph 0048 in the specification to correct a typographical error identified in the Office Action's rejection of claims 4 and 14.

Further, this Amendment amends claims 5, 15, and 22 to incorporate the limitations of claims 2, 12, and 21, respectively, and cancels claims 2-4, 12-14, and 21 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein, as discussed in more detail below. Also, this Amendment amends claims 9 and 19 to correct a common ambiguity identified therein. Finally, this Amendment adds new claims 27-31 which depend from claim 22 and specify limitations similar to those in claims 18, 25, 19, 26, and 17, respectively, which depend from claim 15. No new matter is therefore believed to be introduced by these amendments.

1. Response To Objections and Rejections Of Claims Now Canceled

To place Applicants application in condition for allowance, and thereby overcoming the objection under 37 CFR 1.75 to claims 4, 14, and 21 under 37 on page 3 of the Office Action and the rejection under 35 USC 102(e) of claims 2-4, 12-14, and 21 on pages 4-6 of the Office Action, this Amendment cancels claims 2-4, 12-14, and 21 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

2. Response To Indication Of Allowable Subject Matter And Claim Objection

The Office Action on page 6 indicates that claims 5, 7-9, 15, 17-19, and 23-26 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. To place these claims in condition for allowance, this Amendment amends claims 5 and 15 to incorporate the limitations of their independent claims 2 and 12, respectively. Accordingly, claims 5 and 15 are

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believed to be in condition for allowance. Further, dependent claims 7-9, 17-19, and 23-26, depend from one of presumably allowable claims 5 and 15, and are therefore also believed to be in condition for allowance.

In addition, the Office Action on page 6 indicates that claim 22 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim 21, which is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 on page 3 of the Office Action for being indefinite. In response to the objection and the indication of allowable subject matter, this Amendment amends claim 22 to incorporate the limitations of claim 21 while deleting the phrase in claim 21 "that may be smaller than the image and that may overlap other windows assigned to other pixels in the image" to overcome the indefinite rejection. Accordingly, as the objection to claim 21 is believed to be overcome, claim 22 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Insofar as new claims 27-31 are concerned, these claims depend from now presumably allowable amended claim 22 and are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

3. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, reconsideration of this application and allowance thereof are earnestly solicited. In the event the Examiner considers a personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is hereby requested to call Attorney for Applicant(s), Thomas Zell.

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